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BSNL aims to complete North-East telecom project by 2018

New Delhi, Feb 12: BSNL is expecting to complete its portion of mobile network roll-out project, funded by the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), in the North East by 2018 end.

"The project was approved in September 2014 but it came to BSNL in April 2016. BSNL is expecting to place execution order in April after which roll-out of the project will start in July and should be completed by December 2018," a source said.

The project is part of the Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North-Eastern Region which was approved by the Union Cabinet in September 2014 but is yet to be rolled out. The project proposal entails an estimated expenditure of ₹5,336.18 crore, which is to be funded from the Universal Service Obligation Fund. The project envisages providing 2G mobile coverage in identified uncovered areas and coverage along the NHs.

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